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UAE Ban on Imports Live Birds and Poultry Meat 2004

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Report Highlights:

As a result of discovering AI in the US, the UAE Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries banned imports of live birds and hatching egg from the US. In the same regard, the UAE General Secretariat of Municipalities banned imports of poultry meat and table egg.

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The reactions of the UAE Government bodies against the discovery of cases of Avian Influenza (AI) in the states of Delaware and Texas was translated in the following:

1. FOR LIVE POULTRY

The UAE Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries issued the following 2 decrees:

- Ministerial Decree number 52/2004, dated February 11, 2004

The decree bans the imports of all types of live birds and its products (hatching eggs) from the State of Delaware in the United States as a result of discovering cases of AI in the state. The decree became effective from the date of issue.

- Administrative Decree number 16/2004, dated February 25, 2004

The decree bans the imports of all types of live birds and its products (hatching eggs) from the State of Texas in the United States as a result of discovering cases of AI in the state. The decree became effective from the date of issue.

2. FOR POULTRY PRODUCTS

The Public Health & Environment Affairs of the General Secretariat of Municipalities (GSM) of the United Arab Emirates issued the following decree:

- Decree number (GSM/20) dated February 29, 2004
 - Article (1): Imposing a precautionary ban on imports of all types of poultry meat and table egg from the U.S. effective the date of issue until further notice as a result of the discovery of cases of AI. Products that are shipped before the date of issuing this decree will be permitted entry through the ports of the country.
 - Article (2): This issue is to be circulated by all municipalities to do the necessary
 - Article (3): This decree is effective from the date of issue

ATO Comment: The decrees were issued by the above two authorities since the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries handles only live birds and hatching eggs while the GSM handles edible products (slaughtered birds, their products are table egg).